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St. Simon the Cyrenian is located at 22nd and Reed Streets in the downtown section of Philadelphia. The property of St. Simon's includes the church building, parish house, office building, and rectory. The large and well-kept brick church is in good condition, although somewhat too large for the present congregation. All of the church properties are in good condition but the church itself requires extensive re-wiring and up-dating of its electrical system. The rectory is occupied by the wife of the former rector and was set aside for her use by the vestry. Total insurance coverage on all properties is \$217,000.00.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

St. Simon's is an inner-city church subject to all the stress and strain commonly associated with changing communities and areas. The church buildings are located near the downtown shopping area, near industrial plants, blighted sections, and many of the homes need rehabilitation and repairs. Nearby is the Episcopal Church of the Prince of Peace which is a big structure with a small congregation.

For the purposes of this Study, several census tracts, listed below, have been selected as the parish area for St. Simon the Cyrenian. As the attached table will show the population is surprisingly young for an inner-city area, but slightly older than that of the United States as a whole.

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Persons 65 years of age and older represented only a small percentage above the average reported for the United States in 1960, 9.3%. Between 1950 and 1960, the census tract boundaries have changed making it difficult to trace population changes, but in 1964, of the seven census tracts reported, more than 75% of the population was of non-whites. In 1960, the educational background of adults 25 years of age and over was, in this area, far below the average for the city as a whole. A small percentage reported graduation from high school.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION		%	%	%	%
	1950	1960	CHANGE	14 & UNDER	65 & OVER	NON-WHITE
36-B	NA	9,998		28.2	10.5	79.4
A	NA	4,614		28.7	11.4	98.9
C	NA	5,046		31.5	9.6	89.5
F	NA	9,677		28.7	8.3	34.7
48-A	NA	13,961		24.8	10.3	0.1
26-D	13,621	11,311	-17.0	23.4	12.3	24.0
A	NA	3,854		24.7	11.8	83.8
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TOTAL		58,461				45.1

CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POPULATION		%	RESIDENCE 1955
	1950	1960	CHANGE	SAME AS 1960
36-B	NA	7,941		67.2
A	NA	4,564		62.7
C	NA	4,517		69.7
F	NA	3,355		77.1
48-A	NA	19		77.4
26-D	2,044	2,717	-32.9	68.6
A	NA	3,230		57.1
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TOTAL		26,343		

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CENSUS TRACT	ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER			MED	
	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLL. 1-3 YRS.	% COLL. GRAD.	M AGE	F
36-B	11.6	1.4	1.1	32.6	33.9
A	11.8	1.8	0.7	35.2	34.7
C	18.5	1.6	0.8	27.7	31.8
F	15.4	1.9	1.2	29.9	32.1
48-A	18.0	2.2	1.8	33.7	35.6
26-D	13.9	2.8	1.8	35.1	36.5
A	11.8	3.3	1.4	35.6	37.2

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In the general vicinity of St. Simon's there are seven public elementary schools, one intermediate and one high school. There are also eight private parochial grade schools and one parochial high school in the area. Attached to our report are the names of numerous congregations, including Hebrew, serving the general community area.

Within the seven census tracts are some 1,013 persons associated with the Episcopal Church, according to the maps prepared for this Survey. These people made up 1.7% of the 1960 population. Census Tract 36-F contains the largest number of Episcopalians and the highest number of those associated with St. Simon's. In Census Tract 36-B, where St. Simon's is located, there were a total of 9,998 persons in 1960 of which 152 belonged to St. Simon's. In summary, the following table notes 58,461 residents, 1,013 Episcopalians, 1.7% of the population as members of the Episcopal Church, 477 members of St. Simon's which had 47.1% of all the Episcopalians representing 47.1% of the parish membership. It should be pointed out here that there is a wide variation between the mapped membership (1,010) the Church Self-Study Form (4,148) and the Diocesan Journal reports (1,631) of St. Simon's.

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
36-B	9,998	210	2.1	152	72.4	15.0
A	4,614	68	1.5	34	50.0	3.4
C	5,046	122	2.4	52	42.6	5.1
F	9,677	354	3.7	169	47.7	16.6
48-A	13,961	116	0.8	0		
26-D	11,311	101	0.9	42	41.6	4.2
A	3,854	42	1.1	28	66.7	2.8
TOTAL	58,461	1,013	1.7	477	47.1	47.1

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

It is difficult to determine, as mentioned in the recommendations, what percentage of church members participates actively in church and church school activities because of the different statistics used in reporting. It should be noted that the church school is far smaller than one would expect for such a large congregation. At this point, we would find the information contained on the Episcopal Census helpful but, unfortunately, the census was not completed at St. Simon's. Church attendance on an average Sunday, including all services, averages 327 persons.

The church school has an enrollment of 149 persons including 15 teachers and 134 students, ranging in age from three years to seventeen. On the fourth Sunday of each month the children attend the Holy Eucharist service instead of going to classes. Adult education programs consist of a Bible Class conducted by the laymen and the Episcopal Youth Club. The curate serves as the superintendent of the church school and with the assistance of the rector conducts a monthly teacher-training session.

Numerous organizations serve the parish: Rector's Helpers Guild, the Acolyte Sponsors, Parish Aid Guild, St. Simon's Guild, Ways and Means Guild, Ushers Guild, St. Barnabas' Guild, Episcopal Young Churchmen, Flower Guild, Men's Fellowship Club, Senior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Girls' Friendly Sponsors, St. Martha's Guild, Music Guild, Combined Classes, and the Churchwomen of St. Simon.

A careful examination of the attached data on the organizations of St. Simon's indicates numerous organizations and relatively small participation levels. It is frequently stated in the organizational purpose that it is created to serve all of the members of the parish but in practice only a few participate. Further comment is made in the Recommen-

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Date May 9, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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- I. IDENTIFICATION
- Church St. Simon The Cyrenian
- Street 22nd & Reed Sts. City Philadelphia, Pa.
- County Philadelphia Diocese Pennsylvania
- Parish or Mission Parish State Pennsylvania
- What geographic area does this church serve? All of Philadelphia County
and surrounding areas.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

- A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:
Downtown commercial uses _____ Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings _____
Rooming houses _____ Single-home dwellings X A college _____ Military
uses _____ Other institutions _____

- B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

Washington Ave. is becoming industrialized

- C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Yes.- Rebuilding in some areas, new families.

Some areas are blighted areas and needs repairing lots of renovating.

- D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

<u>PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<u>Chester Arthur</u>	<u>20th & Catherine Sts.</u>
<u>G. Benson</u>	<u>27th & Wharton Sts.</u>
<u>G. Childs</u>	<u>17th & Dickinson Sts.</u>

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D- PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOLS

Stephen Girard

D. McDaniel

D. Landreth

Wm. Pierce

A. Wayne

W. G. Smith

E. Stanton

18th St. & Snyder Ave.

21st & Moore Sts.

23rd & Federal Sts.

24th & Christian Sts.

28th & Morris Sts.

19th & Wharton Sts.

17th & Christian Sts.

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

N. Barrett Junior High

So. Phila. High

ADDRESS

16th & Wharton Sts.

Broad St. & Snyder Ave.

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

St. Aloysius

1610 S. 26th St.

St. Anthony

2335 Carpenter St.

St. Charles

20th & Montrose Sts.

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Bishop Neuman

26th & Moore Sts.

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

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PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

King of Peace

St. Gabriel

St. Rita

St. Thomas

St. Teresa

26th & Wharton Sts.

30th & Dickinson Sts.

Broad & Ellsworth Sts.

18th & Fernon Sts.

Broad & Catherine Sts.

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

<u>NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<u>Calvary Temple (Assembly of God)</u>	<u>1543 McKean St.</u>
<u>Dofferter Memorial Baptist</u>	<u>24th & Dickinson Sts.</u>
<u>First African Baptist</u>	<u>16th & Christian Sts.</u>
<u>Greater St. Matthew Baptist</u>	<u>1212 S. 23rd St.</u>
<u>Holy Trinity Baptist</u>	<u>18th & Bainbridge Sts.</u>
<u>Mt. Ararat Baptist</u>	<u>17th & Titan Sts.</u>
<u>Mt. Hebron Baptist</u>	<u>Wharton & Carlisle Sts.</u>
<u>New Light Beulah Baptist</u>	<u>1701 Bainbridge St.</u>
<u>19th Street Baptist</u>	<u>19th & Titan Sts.</u>
<u>Shiloh Baptist</u>	<u>21st & Christian Sts.</u>
<u>Tasker Street Baptist</u>	<u>20th & Tasker Sts.</u>
<u>Union Baptist</u>	<u>Fitzwater & Martin Sts.</u>
<u>Church Assembly (Christian Apostolic)</u>	<u>Wharton & Cleveland Sts.</u>
<u>Eighteenth Street (Church of God)</u>	<u>1205 S. 18th St.</u>
<u>St. Paul (Church of God)</u>	<u>19th & Federal Sts.</u>
<u>St. Paul Tabernacle (Church of God)</u>	<u>1713 Carpenter St.</u>
<u>Chevra Chev Sholom (Hebrew)</u>	<u>1926 S. 24th St.</u>
<u>Shaare Snamayin (Hebrew)</u>	<u>23rd & Wharton Sts.</u>
<u>John Simmons (Methodist)</u>	<u>1731 Reed St.</u>
<u>St. Luke Methodist</u>	<u>Broad & Jackson Sts.</u>
<u>Tindley Temple Methodist</u>	<u>Broad & Fitzwater Sts.</u>
<u>Metropolitan African Methodist</u>	<u>20th & Fitzwater Sts.</u>
<u>Mt. Olive African Methodist</u>	<u>19th & Fitzwater Sts.</u>
<u>Evangel Presbyterian</u>	<u>18th & Tasker Sts.</u>
<u>John Chambers Memorial Presbyterian</u>	<u>28th & Morris Sts.</u>
<u>Prince of Peace (P.E.)</u>	<u>22nd & Morris Sts.</u>
<u>King of Peace (R.C.)</u>	<u>26th & Wharton Sts.</u>

St. Aloysius R.C.	26th & Tasker Sts
St. Charles R.C.	20th & Christian Sts.
St. Teresa R.C.	Broad & Catherine Sts.
St. Thomas Aquinas R.C.	17th & Morris Sts.
St. Andrews Ref. Evangelical	22nd & Snyder Sts.
Church of The Lord Jesus Christ	22nd & Bainbridge Sts.
Church of Philadelphia	1619 S. Broad St.

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

On Sunday, June 24, 1894, the Church of St. Simon the Cyrenian had its beginning in a small rented house located on the southwest corner of Dorrance and Ellsworth Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. The late Rev. Dr. Henry L. Phillips was its founder and first leader. In September 1897 a plot of ground was purchased at 22nd and Reed Streets on which a framework Chapel was built at a cost of \$7,000.

Under the guidance and leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Phillips several Divinity students assisted in carrying on the expanding program of the church.

The late Rev. Stephen D. Phillips served as the first minister in charge, from March 21, 1897 until June 1899.

In 1903 the work of this Mission was taken over as a Chapel of the Holy Apostles. Reverend Richard N. Thomas was appointed Vicar-in-Charge. He was assisted by the late Rev. Thomas G. Brown who was placed in charge of the Parish of St. Simon the Cyrenian and served as its Vicar until February 1909.

In 1906 the present Parish Building was built by the combined efforts of the Sunday Schools of the Parish of the Holy Apostles. The late George C. Thomas, brother of the Rev. Richard N. Thomas, Rector of Holy Apostles as a good friend and benefactor assisted in our early endeavors.

The Sunday School grew from a beginning of one scholar to become the largest Sunday School on the Eastern Coast. Many civic and social activities of the community are still being held in the building.

A large kindergarten was started by Mrs. Mary F. Wilson. She was assisted by Mrs. Ida Osborne and Mrs. Ida B. Frazier.

In May 1909, Reverend John R. Logan, Sr., was called to serve as Vicar and served in this capacity until June 9, 1943, when the Chapel of St. Simon the Cyrenian became an independent Parish. He was elected first Rector and served in this capacity

until his retirement in 1957 and consequent death in 1957.

On Sunday, April 19, 1914, the cornerstone of the new Chapel was laid by the Rt. Rev. Phillip M. Rhineland; dedicated October 18, 1914, and consecrated November 3, 1920.

In June 1938, Dr. John R. Logan presented his two oldest sons, John R. Logan, Jr. and Thomas W. S. Logan, to Bishop Francis M. Taitt to be ordained to the Sacred Ministry. The Rev. John R. Logan, Jr., was elected assistant at St. Simon the Cyrenian Church in 1938, and became Rector, January 1, 1957. He is still serving in that capacity. Rev. Frank C. Irvin became assistant to Rev. Logan and has been serving as Curate since October 6, 1963.

Two other youngmen from the Church have gone into the sacred ministry, Rev. Robert Harris and Rev. James C. Jackson.

Beautiful cathedral stained glass memorial windows portraying St. Simon helping Christ carry the Cross on His way to Calvary were installed under the direction of the late Rev. John R. Logan, Sr., and completed under the direction of Rev. John R. Logan, Jr.

Since becoming Rector of this Parish great progress has taken place under the leadership of Rev. John R. Logan, Jr. Following the recent complete renovation of the Parish Building, a Church Beautiful Project was started and completed in 1963. It is encouraging to note the increased number of youth joining St. Simon's Church and participating in its many activities.

The current church membership is _____, representing _____ families.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

The Church proper S.E.Cor. 22nd & Reed Sts.

Parrish House 22nd St. next to Church -Rectory 1408 S. 22nd St.

Church Office 2122 Reed St.-adjoining Church

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick ☒ Stone Other (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

488 Sittings- Good Condition-

(improvements)Electrical wiring in Church proper. \$4000.

New Church Fixtures

Replacement Value \$? Amount of insurance carried \$ 217,600.00

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached ☒ Separated ;

In basement of the church ; Frame Brick ☒

Stone Other
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Office 2122 Reed St. 8 Rooms-Good Condition

Rectory 1408 S. 22nd St. 8 Rooms-Good Condition

Parrish House 22nd near Reed St. 10 Rooms- Condition Good

No improvement needed

The Church Proper -1 large room-need new lighting system:

estimated cost \$4000.

Replacement value \$ Amount of insurance carried \$ Same as above

K-5 Total insurance on all properties
\$217,600.00

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X;
Frame _____ Brick X Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

8 Rooms - Condition Good - no improvements needed at the
present time. Estimated cost \$8000.

Is it used as a clergy residence? no If not, what use is made of
the building?

The Wife of the late and former Clergyman lives in this building.

So voted by the Parrish Vestry

Replacement value: \$ 10,000. Insurance carried: \$ total amount given.

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

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B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 614

Number of individuals not in families 851

2. Baptized membership

Communicants

Church School

<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
<u>2548</u>	<u>4025</u>	<u>4148</u>	<u>2241</u>	<u>4034</u>	<u>5057</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>155</u>

3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list

<u>5 yrs. ago</u>	<u>4 yrs. ago</u>	<u>3 yrs. ago</u>	<u>2 yrs. ago</u>	<u>Last year</u>
<u>81</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>78</u>

Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list

<u>81</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>78</u>
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4. Communicants added:

By confirmation from Episcopal families

<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
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By confirmation from other Churches

<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
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By reception from other Churches

<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>
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By baptism and confirmation from no church

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Total

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year

285

Number of communicants who attended occasionally

170

Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community

49

Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting?

45

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Morning Prayer & Sermon	11 A.M.	135	285	355
Holy Communion	7:30 A.M.	17	52	84
Church School	9:15 A.M.	30	90	120

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion (Feast Day Service)	9 A.M.	6	18	24

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Wednesday Evening Service held during Lent 7:30 P.M.

One Church Anniversary Service held each year

Lenten Youth Services

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

None

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

When the Church School changed its hour from 1 P.M. to 9:15 A.M.
there was a drop in attendance. When the summer services are
changed from 11 A.M. to 10 A.M. the attendance is better.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? only at certain services, special occasions
3. Is baby care provided during any service? no

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

- a. Teachers and staff 15 _____
- b. Students 134 _____
- Total 149 _____
- c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 80
- d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 120
- e. Are absentee cards used? At the individual teacher's discretion
- f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 10
- g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Teacher's make an occasional call on parents in cases of prolonged absence.
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2. Worship schedule

<u>CLASS OR DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>HOOR</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
<u>Primary</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>9:15</u>	<u>15 Minutes</u>	<u>Layman</u>
<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>9:15</u>	<u>15 Minutes</u>	<u>Layman</u>
<u>Senior</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>9:15</u>	<u>15 Minuter</u>	<u>Layman</u>
<u>Fourth Sunday all departments worship at Holy Communion and receive instruction at the service</u>				

3. Instruction schedule

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
Pre-School	15	3-5	M-F	Sun.	9:15	1 Hour	Nursery 1,2,3, Fellowship Series
1st Grade	9	6	M-F	"	"	"	Course B-Fellowship Series
2nd Grade	26	7	"	"	"	"	Course 1- "
3rd Grade	11	8	"	"	"	"	Course 2 "
4th Grade	11	9	"	"	"	"	Course 3 "
4th Grade	17	9-10	"	"	"	"	Course 4 "
5th Grade	12	11-12	"	"	"	"	Course 5 "
5th Grade	12	11-12	"	"	"	"	Course- -----
6th-7th Grade	12	11-14	M	"	"	"	Course 7 "
Senior	9	15-17	M-F	"	"	"	Prayer Book

No classes on the fourth Sunday of the month.

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Fellowship Series - regular instruction at holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

An Occasional Film

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

~~These children follow the regular program outlined by the Fellowship Series- Nursery 1-2-3-~~

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? By the Rector

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc. Monthly meetings with the Rector and Curate

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Teachers are encouraged to bring their problems to the Superintendent (The Curate) and to the Rector

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE			EDUCATION		YEARS TEACHING	
		Number		Number		Number
19 years or less		<u>3</u>	Grade school	<u> </u>	one	<u>3</u>
20 to 29		<u>2</u>	Junior high	<u> </u>	two	<u> </u>
30 to 39		<u>1</u>	Senior high	<u>7</u>	three	<u> </u>
40 to 49		<u>3</u>	1 to 3 years College	<u>4</u>	four	<u>1</u>
50 years or more		<u>5</u>	College grad.	<u>1</u>	five	<u> </u>
			Graduate study	<u>1</u>	6 to 10	<u>1</u>
Male		<u>1</u>			11 to 20	<u>4</u>
Female		<u>10</u>			20 and over	<u>4</u>
			K-12			

7. What problems does the church school have? beginning on time
and finding the most suitable for Church School

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? June 20-----July 13
2. For how long each day? 3 hours
3. What type of courses are taught? Bible instruction
4. How many children attend, usually? 120
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? two-thirds
6. How many teachers are there? 6

C. Released Time Program none

1. When are classes held? _____
2. What type of courses are taught? _____
3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation? _____
5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation? _____

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? once each week for 3 months c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Curate e. What material is used? Bible, -Prayer Book, Book on 90 questions for Confirmation. f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Similar but more advanced in the study of the Bible, Prayer Book, and the Sacrament.

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? Once each week for 3 months b. How long is each session? 1 hour c. Who is the instructor? The Rector d. What material is used? same as above

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
Bible Class	21	1 each wk.	1 hour	Laywoman
E.Y.C.	45	Twice a Mo.	2 hours	Curate

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Mission: Once a year- Wednesday of Holy Week , 129 average

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?
By the help of Diocesan and National Council leaders in Christian Education

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 750
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 14
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 279

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 465
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 4
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 84

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 3
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations 53

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
3. Total active membership	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
3. Total active membership	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u> </u>

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>
2. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>35</u>

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name The Acolyte Sponsors

Total active members 18 Average attendance at meetings 14

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 3rd Tues.
each mo.

B. Why does this organization exist?

(a) To furnish the Acolyte Boys of the Church with vestments.

(b) To give financial help toward the work of the church.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Mother's of the Acolyte Boys, and members of the congregation

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

(a) Sponsors various events during the year as, bus trips
and dinners to raise money.

(b) Yearly corporate communion and breakfast.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More active members.

Signed by: Daisy Fielos

Title: President

Phyllis Farrow

Secretary

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Parish Aid Guild

Total active members 16 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 4th Sun.
1 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To help Parrish financially

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Members over 30 years of age

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

We attend the religious services and educational programs
of the church

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

We promote two projects a year

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To promote fellowship

Poor attendance at meetings

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

An increase in members

Signed by: Gertrude M. Taylor

Title: Parish Aid Guild, Pres.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Rectors Helpers Guild

Total active members 25 Average attendance at meetings 21

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 4th Sun.
2 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Assist Rector in Clerical work.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Male and female communicants.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Open and close meeting with prayer.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Mrs. Elizabeth White

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name St. Simon's Guild

Total active members 26 Average attendance at meetings 15 to 18

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Sun. 2:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Missionary work of Church, Diocese, Community, .

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Confirmed women of the Church

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Devotional opening for all meetings; Corporate Communion;

Quiet Hour. Fellowship with church and community groups on

planned programs and study projects. Speakers, slides on

Alaska and Puerto Rico. Joint dramatization of UTO program;

and, World Day of Prayer service. Program planning meetings

at Church House and Conference Center. Attendance at and Ecumenical

E. Describe the other activities of the organization. Committee, Christian Social Relations Comm. Missions held at Church House.

Study of Church Dictionary

Family Day & Confirmation Anniversary service to encourage family

attendance at church; and more active participation in church

activities; also, to help raise missionary quota of Church.

Card Party given annually to raise money for missionary quota.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To put into effect more frequently some of the educational process.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

To work toward a unified program for all groups of the church.

To have joint educational programs periodically, in addition to the joint financial programs.

Prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth F. Exum. Prog. Chr. & Ida B. Jones, Pres.

Signed by: Ida B. Jones

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Ways & Means Guild

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 9

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 3rd Thurs.
6 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Formed many years ago, some original members still active.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Confirmed women of the church.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Corporate Communion; Fellowship with other Guilds.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Serving Cleric's dinner when the Rector has a devotional meeting;
Serving the Vestry, and Ushers Easter Sunday breakfast, because
most of their day is spent at the Church. October dinner for
support of the Church.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

New and active members.

Signed by: Frances Collins

Title: Pres.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name USHERS GUILD

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 8 to 10 . . .

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 3rd Sat.
8:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Seat people & attend doors during service. Distribute church
leaflets. (Other duties as the Rector may desire.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

Male Communicants.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Attempts at various times to raise money for church through
dinners, entertainments, etc.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Recruiting new members from among younger men of the church.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by: / William H. Huff

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name ST. BARNABAS GUILD

Total active members 35 Average attendance at meetings _____

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 1st Sun.
1 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Visit sick and shutin. Visit hospitals. Send cards and flowers.
Christmas we send each sick and shutin a christmas package.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Women of
the church.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

We have an outstanding speaker each year for Women's Day
11 A.M. service

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

We raise money once a year for Women's Day.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by: Mrs. Marion C. Callman

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name EPISCOPAL YOUNG CLURCHMEN

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 7-10

Number of meetings each month _____ Day and time of meetings 1st & 3rd Mon. 8:00 PM.

B. Why does this organization exist?

The organization exists to bring boys, and girls of this age
group closer in fellowship with God.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

Confirmed Members 12 to 18 years

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Usually our sponser or guest speaker will speak to us on his
or her past which relates in some way to our Christian life.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Other activities might include; dancing, table tennis.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

We learn more about church organization, Our problem is not
getting enough support from our particular age group in the church.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? I believe the youth

of the church needs stronger encouragement to attend the meetings.
Also not enough other activities as a group.

Signed by: Kenneth R. King, Jr.

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Flower Guild

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 12-16

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 2nd Tues. 8 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

We arrange and take care of all flowers for the Altar. We also maintain a list of all donors.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Adult females

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Open and close meetings with prayer.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

We raise funds for the church by a rummage sale annually, and in cooperating with the choir we sponsor a Lenten Cantata.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Marion C. Wilson

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Alter Guild

Total active members 14 Average attendance at meetings 9

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 3rd Sun. 8 a.m.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Arranging and taking care of alter .

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult female communicants .

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Corporate communion each third Sunday in the month 7:30 a.m.

followed by breakfast meeting.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

The guild raises funds for communion bread and wine, and
candles for the alter.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Need of younger female members.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Sarina West

Title: resident

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION ---

A. Name Men's Fellowship Club.

Total active members 50. Average attendance at meetings, 33

Number of meetings each month 1 Day & Time 3rd Wed. 8:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To bring the men of the church together.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

All men of the congregation, and associate members from other sources.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Open and close meeting with prayer. Educate men in the work of the church. Fellowship together.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Annual Men's Day Service and Dinner.

Presenting and outstanding speaker to the congregation.

Signed by: William Yancy

Title: President.

VIII .REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name. Seniors Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Total active members 17 Average attendance at meetings 14

Number of meetings each month 1 Day & Time 1st. Thur. 8:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist ?

To pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, and to bring men and boys into the church.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn.

All men and boys of the church.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Every Fifth Sunday our group takes charge of the morning prayer, and invite a visiting Priest to be the preacher for the service.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Annual dinner to raise money for the Church Leaflet.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this

organization?

The opportunity is to teach men and boys about their religion.

The problems are to get more men and boys to join.

Signed by: Edward Powell.

Title. President

VIII. REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION

A. Name, Girls Friendly sponsors.

Total Active members _____ Average attendance at meetings _____

Number of meetings each month _____

B. Why does this organization exist?

To bring young girls into the church, and to the Girls Friendly Society, Senior group, and Junior group.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Young female members.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

To teach young girls and women about our religion and to worship with them.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

To have an outstanding female speaker each year, and to present them to the girls and women of the church.

Signed by: Doris Degerman

Title: G.F. Sponsor, Chr.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name St. Martha's Guild.

Total active members 22 Average attendance at meetings 15

Number of meetings each month 1 Day & Time 2nd St. 1 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To keep the church kitchen furnished and clean.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Female members of the church.

D. Describe the worship and educational program.

Meetings opened and closed with prayer, also taking communion together during the year.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

The group has a dinner once a year to make their money for the support of the church, and to help in buying supplies for the kitchen. They are also selling articles to help toward the Church Beautiful Project.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this

organization? We have an opportunity to help keep our newly renovated kitchen in good condition.

Signed by: Mrs. Sarah Logan

Title: President

VIII. REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATION

A. Name Music Guild.

Total active members 17 Average Attendance 11 meetings 38 50

Number of meetings each month 1. Day & Time. 2nd Sun. 1 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To help with the expenses in buying music for the Choir,
and to help in covering the expenses of the soloist.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Female members.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Prayer and fellowship together each month. Communion together
several Sundays each year.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Two programs a year for the support of the church, the music
and the soloist.

Signed by: Violet McCoy

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name. Combined Classes

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 2

Number of meetings each month 1 Day & Time 4th Sunday , 1 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To bring all communicant members of the church together.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn.

All persons of the church. Mostly female members.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Prayer and communion together.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Bus ride once a year for the support of the church.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Getting more active members. This could be a large group if more members of the church would join and become active.

Signed by: Catherine Jackson

Title: President.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name- Church Women of St. Simon

Total active members 51 Average attendance at meetings 25

Number of meetings each month 1-Day is time 4th Thursday 5:p.m.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Missionary work of the church.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult female communicants.

D. Describe the worship and educational program.

Devotional service at each meeting.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Raise money for missionary work of the church

Signed by: Lucille Bivins

Title: President

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF TENURE</u>	<u>MOVED TO:</u>
<u>Rev. John R. Logan</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>26 Yrs.</u>	<u></u>
<u>Rev. Frank C. Irvin</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>5 Months.</u>	<u></u>
<u>Mr. Allen Finney</u>	<u>Lay reader</u>	<u>4 Yrs.</u>	<u></u>
<u>Mr. Vernon Jones</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>6 Yrs.</u>	<u></u>
<u>Mr. Daniel Winge</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>18 Yrs.</u>	<u></u>
<u>Mr. Onzello Kerron</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>3 Yrs.</u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work?
Please give details.

Three members from our Parish have become Priest in our Church,
and have Parishes in the U.S.A.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? 4

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 17,133.68 (2) Plate offerings \$ 438.59 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ 1,403.73 (4) Endowments \$ 1,397.76 (5) Special fund drives \$ _____ (6) Other (please specify) \$ 3,443.50 ^{Easter Offering}

Fall Rally, Oil & Music, Vestry Emergency, Memorial, Window.

Fashion Show, Flowers & Refunds.

B. Disbursements

Total current expenses

Diocesan Assessment

Missionary Disbursements

Special parish expense

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

from other sources

Rental value of the rectory \$ _____

Is the church in debt? Yes _____ Amount of debt \$ 12,000. Method of repayment To the bank when due from contributions from congregation.

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses						\$27,971.98
Diocesan Assessment						695.92
Missionary Disbursements						3,219.75
Special parish expense						1,911.31
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation						7,278.52

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? no
If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the
training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?
Cleaners and special appeal letters with envelopes enclosed.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-
support? _____

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest ☒ Congregation _____ Diocese _____
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ _____ 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Priest

5. How much does the local congregation pay? Nothing
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business _____

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	<u>15</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>10</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>60</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

(9 A.M. to 4 P.M.)

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? by engagements;
by putting names in a note book also calling on members
living in certain areas.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?
By inquiring in the neighborhood if those who do not go to church
would come to our church for worship. Speaking to
people on the street.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 2 hrs. per Wk.

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. _____

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the
 number of participants and the time spent.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

By joining church organization

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

None

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Advertizement of Parish services.

- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? Radio adds of services and special events.

- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Letter to each communciant four or five times a year.

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. _____
Sunday bulletins are mailed to the sick and shutin, and

newsletters to Church School teachers and members of youth groups.

- E. How many church road signs are there? 2

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. By attending Community Meetings and belonging to Community Boards and Committees.

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.
By attending Community Organizations and being members of such organizations, and contributing to their support.

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):
Community Night for the youth of the Community.

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Reed Street Community Club

United Fund area meeting

Red Cross

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

By Clergy interdenominational meetings, and joint services in special occasions

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Rector-Member of the Exective Council; Board of Missions;

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? One lay person of my Parish is a member of the Dept. of Christian Social Relations.

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? _____

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: Delegates to Diocesan Convention; one was a member of the Committee on Layman work in the Diocese.

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: Attending Episcopal Diocesan Altar Guild meeting; also Episcopal Church Women's Organization of the Diocese.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Diocesan A.Y.C. Council; one was president of the Diocesan Council

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget goes for missionary work. 11 1/2%

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector, Rev. John R. Logan, Jr. Full-time

Curate, Rev. Frank C. Irvin, Full-time

Secretary, Miss Anne Griffin, Full-time

Secretary, Mrs. Porter J. McCall, Part-time

Organist, Mr. Charles Craig, Full-time

Sexton, Mr. Roosevelt Gibson, Full-time

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: _____

2. Buildings: _____

3. Equipment: _____

- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

To try to bring the people who live in this area to church.

- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

None

- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH</u>
Ida B. Jones	Secretary	41 years
Lillian B. Booker	Teacher	49 years
Naomi J. Pressley	Teacher	42 years
Georgette B. Fields	Clerk	32 years
Frances S. Collins	Clerk	35 years
Isma D. Jackson	Social Worker	30 years

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership distribution of St. Simon's is scattered throughout the community of Philadelphia and nearby communities. The highest concentration of membership is found within the parish area served by the church with almost 50% of its membership living nearby. Census Tract 36-F bounded on the north by Wharton, on the east by 22nd, on the south by Moore, and on the west by 27th contains the largest concentration of church members; followed by Census Tract 36-B bounded on the north by Wharton, on the east by 18th, on the south by Moore, and on the west by 22nd. St. Simon's is located on the border of these two census tracts. The following membership distribution is noted.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
B 5	1	1
D 29	7	7
DEL CO UN	9	9
M 45	1	1
MON CO UN	3	3
1 C	1	1
2 B	2	2
3 A	4	4
3 B	2	2
4 B	2	2
7 A	2	2
10 B	3	3
13 A	3	3
14 A	7	7
14 B	4	4
15 B	2	2
15 C	2	2
15 E	5	5
20 A	2	2
20 B	4	4
20 E	2	2
22 A	2	2
22 B	2	2
22 C	2	2
22 D	4	4
22 O	2	2
22 E	4	4
22 K	5	5
22 L	3	3
24 C	3	3
24 D	11	11
24 F	10	10
24 I	12	12
24 J	2	2
24 K	6	6
26 A	28	28
26 C	2	2
26 D	42	42
27 D	5	5
28 A	3	3
28 B	3	3
28 C	2	2
29 A	6	6
29 D	7	7
30 A	18	18
30 B	10	10
30 C	24	24
32 A	3	3
32 E	10	9
32 C	11	11
34 P	6	6
36 A	34	34
X 36 B	152	150
36 C	52	51
36 D	18	18

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

During the past 24 years St. Simon's baptized membership has fluctuated in number from a low of 1,631 in the year 1963 to a high of 2,049 in 1955. Communicant strength has also fluctuated from a low of 1,100 in 1940 to a high of 1,524 in 1961. In 1940 there were 327 enrolled in the church school, but by 1963 this number had decreased to 168, or 48.6%. The ratio between the number of baptized members and communicant members is quite small which may indicate an aging membership. If this is true it does not reflect the age characteristics of the neighborhood served by St. Simon's.

From 1960 through 1963, the number of baptisms reached 4.4% of the communicant strength and the number of confirmations was equal to 2.8% of the communicant strength. Both of these ratios are lower than those reported for the diocese as a whole. The corresponding figures for the diocese are 3.9% for baptisms and 3.1% for confirmations. In view of questions raised concerning actual membership, in other sections of the Study, these percentages may not be realistic.

From 1960 through 1963, the expenditures per communicant for St. Simon's averaged \$22.44 which should be compared with \$82.74 for the parishes and missions of the diocese. Some 8.4% of the total reported expenditures was spent for work outside the parish compared to 13.5% for the parishes and missions of the diocese during the same period. Since there is some question concerning the number of communicants this figure is also open to question.

VITAL STATISTICS

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	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	1,639	1,762	1912	2049	1489	1725	1687	1631
Communicants	1,100	1,175	1240	1358	1302	1524	1449	1475
Church School	327	154	223	285	160	177	138	168
Baptisms	54	61	80	75	62	43	71	78
Percentage of Communicants	4.9	5.2	6.5	5.5	4.8	2.8	4.9	2.4
Confirmations	49	39	51	57	56	36	31	36
Percentage of Communicants	4.5	3.3	4.1	4.2	4.3	2.4	2.1	2.4
Parochial Expenditures 1	6,709	9,493	15,791	20,053	25,220	25,535	30,862	27,971
Special Par. Expenditures 2	954	968	6,473	3,644	4,886	14,965	2022	1911
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	504	1,350	2,182	3,513	3,117	2,648	3179	3219
Total Reported Expenditures	8,167	11,811	24,446	27,210	33,223	43,168	36,063	33,101
Expenditures per Communicant	7.42	10.05	19.71	20.04	25.52	28.33	24.89	22.44
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	0.46	1.15	1.76	2.59	2.39	1.74	2.19	2.18

1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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St. Simon's is an unusual church in many ways, not the least of which is the statement in the attached Self-Study that there are no major problems facing this congregation. However, based on the material attached to this report some questions should be asked.

What is the church membership of St. Simon's Church? There are conflicting statistics. A total of 1,010 persons are recorded on the membership map, 4,148 are reported in the Self-Study, 1,631 are reported in the Diocesan Journal, and 399 on the Episcopal Census. The Self-Study further reports 5,057 communicants and the Diocesan Journal reports 1,475. The Self-Study states there are 614 families and 851 individuals not in families making up the membership. To further confuse the issue it is reported that 285 communicants attended church regularly last year, 170 attended occasionally and 49 lived in the community but did not attend, or a total of 504 persons. The membership of St. Simon the Cyrenian should be carefully examined to determine the approximate membership of baptized persons and communicants.

If the Diocesan Journal figure is correct (1,631) there is every reason to assume that St. Simon's has only 26% of its membership, or 427 persons (Page K-8 of the Self-Study) in church or church school on the average Sunday. With almost 75% of its officially

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recorded membership not in church, or church school, one of the major problems facing St. Simon's would seem to be loyalty and commitment.

Further, church membership growth has been dependent upon confirmations from Episcopal families, confirmation of persons from other church backgrounds, and reception from other churches. During the past five years no one is recorded as having been added to the membership by baptism and confirmation from a non-church back-ground.

A second major problem and opportunity facing St. Simon's, is the need and opportunity for programs of evangelism and church extension among the unchurched. St. Simon the Cyrenian reports numerous parish organizations for all age groups, but much effort is expended in getting support for the organizations and trying to increase attendance. A Parish Council with one or two representatives from each organization, plus the clergy, wardens, and others appointed by the rector, should meet regularly to discuss unified programs. Are some of the organizations duplicating the activities of other groups? Have some of the parish organizations outlived their usefulness? Is it possible to consolidate some of the organizations?

It is difficult to comment on pledging because there is a question about the actual church membership. If we accept the figure listed in the Self-Study we note that there are 614 families and 851 individuals not in families making up the membership. If each of these families and individuals were counted as a pledging unit (1,461 units) and compared with the pledged income (\$17,134,00) the average pledge would be \$11.73 per year. When actual participating membership is determined, pledging for church support

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can be accurately determined. St. Simon's does not have a thorough Every Member Canvass and relies, in part, on special appeals and parish organizations for support.

St. Simon's is fortunate in having almost half its membership living within its parish area. This presents the membership with the opportunity of becoming actively engaged in the mission of the Church to those outside the Church. Clergy, wardens, and vestrymen should consider training programs designed to release the laity for mission in the neighborhoods served by St. Simon's. Present organizations are very dependent on the parish house for their activities, but if Bible Study, discussion, and prayer groups are formed they are often more effective if held in the areas where people live. In natural community neighborhoods small groups of five to eight persons seem to be an effective number. A Neighborhood or Zone Organization might be created for these groups but they should be flexible enough to take into account any interest groups that are sometimes more effective than geographical areas. If a Zone or Neighborhood plan is designed, it can be used not only for small group meetings but also in parish communications, Every Member Canvasses, and parish calling by clergy and laity. A few members of St. Simon's are already engaged in lay calling but more are needed. Articulate laymen, with pastoral instincts and sensitivity should be selected for training as lay readers and parish visitors. Whenever possible they should be a part

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of the parish neighborhood plan. Parish membership is scattered over so wide an area that it is impossible for the clergy to adequately cover the areas where the members live. A neighborhood or natural community area with well trained, loyal, and committed laity will do much to take the Church out into the world. Quarterly, or monthly meetings for neighborhood leaders at the church might be helpful for a sharing of ideas, problems, opportunities, and program.

There is a fine spirit in this congregation and a willingness to move forward. Because St. Simon's has been successful, over a period of time, in developing an integrated membership and ministry, it can be of great help to the diocese.